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For : NEF-ATTACHABLE PROTEIN, DNA ENCODING THE
PROTEIN AND A MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY AGAINST
SAID PROTEIN



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1. U.S. Serial No. 09/186,194, filed November 4, 1998, inventors: Jin-Emon Konishi and Yoichi Fujii, for Nef Action Inhibitor.

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